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Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mrs. Haddad of Somerset in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Prayer was offered by Father Rick Walsh of the Paulist Center of Boston, Chaplain of the House, as follows:

God of Unity, God of Diversity, in Your creation we celebrate the variety of life in all its forms and manifestations throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. We thank You for Your handiwork in these expressions of Your delight.

Prayer.

We pray today for our nation as we Americans continue to struggle with acceptance of and appreciation for Your creative gifts that are many and diverse; as we continue to experience the reality of racism and the fear of any who differ in creed, language, or way of life.

We in Massachusetts know all too well the ugly side of these fears. It was during this week in our history back in 1834 that followers of the so-called Know-Nothing political party raided a Catholic convent in Charlestown, burning it to the ground.

We pray today for all who work in this House, especially our legislators, that we may each rise above our fears, overcome any complacency with regard to racism and stand up against all forms of hatred and prejudice. May we respect one another, literally take another look at each person, and be living examples of a commonwealth, looking out for the common welfare of every resident of Massachusetts.

May God continue to bless our Commonwealth.

At the request of the Chair (Mrs. Haddad), the members, guests and employees joined with her in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Silent Prayer.

At the request of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the members, guests and employees stood in a moment of silent tribute to the memory of John P. Dami of Mashpee, who passed away on July 1, 2017 at the age of 74. He served forty years in the Mashpee Police Department and in the 82nd Airborne Division of the U.S. Army.

John P.
Dami.

He is survived by his wife of 25 years Deborah, his son and daughter in law Brian and Jessica Costa, brothers Richard Dami and Paul Borsari, sisters Cecelia Healy, Laura Maffeo and Margaret Mulhern, three grandchildren, and an extended family.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Speaker DeLeo of Winthrop and other members of the House) congratulating the Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers and its members on this year's National Health Center Week, August 13 through August 19, 2017;

Health
Center
Week.

Resolutions (filed by Ms. Dykema of Holliston) congratulating Joseph Cohen on the occasion of his retirement; and

Joseph
Cohen.

Resolutions (filed by Mr. Mark of Peru) commemorating the seventy fifth anniversary of the Garnet Hill Crash;

Garnet Hill,—
airplane crash.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for the committee on Rules, reported, in each instance, that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, in each instance, on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Petitions.

Petitions severally were presented and referred as follows:

By Ms. Campbell of Methuen (by request), a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Cynthia Theriault for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the estate tax.

Estate tax,—
commission.

By Mr. Collins of Boston, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Nick Collins for legislation to designate a band stand at the Marine Park in the South Boston neighborhood of the city of Boston as the Harry G. Uhlman, Jr., memorial band stand.

Boston,—
Uhlman
band stand.

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad and Linda Dorcena Forry for legislation to further regulate the domestic stock life insurance company, known as The Savings Bank Life Insurance Company of Massachusetts.

Life
insurance.

Severally, under Rule 24, to the committee on Rules.

Paper from the Senate.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2152) of Donald F. Humason, Jr., and John W. Scibak (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Easthampton to lease certain real estate, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Municipalities and Regional Government.

Easthampton,—
land.

Reports of Committees.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing a special commission to identify, preserve and commemorate historic roadways in Massachusetts (House, No. 1890). Read; and referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Historic
roadways,—
commission.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill establishing mileage based numbering for exits along interstate highways (House, No. 1863). Read; and referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Ways and Means.

Highways,—
exit
numbering.

By Mr. Mahoney of Worcester, for the committee on Election Laws, on a petition, a Bill eliminating the preliminary election in the City of Revere in 2017 (House, No. 3874) [Local Approval Received].

Revere,—
election.

By Mr. Parisella of Beverly, for the committee on Public Service, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Mary Goddard, an employee of the Department of Correction (House, No. 3868).

Mary
Goddard,—
sick leave.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Lornece Tull, an employee of the Department of Corrections [sic] (House, No. 3877).

Lornece
Tull,—
sick leave.

By Mr. Straus of Mattapoisett, for the committee on Transportation, on a petition, a Bill designating Marshfield the home of Senator Daniel Webster and Governor Edward Winslow (House, No. 1806).

Marshfield,—
Route 3
designation.

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

Emergency Measures.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Renee Salisbury, an employee of the Department of Transitional Assistance (see Senate, No. 2101, amended), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Renee
Salisbury,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

The engrossed Bill establishing a sick leave bank for Michelle Dancy, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see Senate, No. 2116), having been certified by the Clerk to be rightly and truly prepared for final passage, was considered, the question being on adopting the emergency preamble.

Michelle
Dancy,—
sick leave.

A separate vote was taken, as required by the provisions of Article XLVIII (as amended by Article LXVII) of the Amendments to the Constitution; and the preamble was adopted, by a vote of 3 to 0. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Subsequently, the Senate having concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, the bill (which originated in the Senate) was passed to be enacted; and it was signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Bill
enacted.

Engrossed Bills.

Engrossed bills

Designating a certain park in the town of Hingham as the Eugene F. Creedon

Bills

Memorial Park (see House, No. 3708, amended);

enacted.

Establishing a sick leave bank for Richard Capone, an employee of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see House, No. 3722, amended);

Establishing a sick leave bank for Linda Boudria, an employee of the Department of Mental Health (see House, No. 3795); and

Establishing a sick leave bank for Edward Gates, an employee of the Department of Environmental Protection (see House, No. 3796, amended);

(Which severally originated in the House);

In respect to each of which the Senate had concurred in adoption of the emergency preamble, were passed to be enacted; and they were signed by the acting Speaker and sent to the Senate.

Orders of the Day.

The House Bill authorizing the town of Williamsburg to continue the employment of call firefighter James Ferron (House, No. 3834) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading), reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, was read a third time.

Williamsburg,—
James Ferron.

Pending the question on passing the bill to be engrossed, Mr. Speliotis of Danvers moved to amend it in section 1, in line 6, by inserting after the word “purposes” the words “and upon retirement, he shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance equal to that which he would have been entitled had he retired on that date”.

The amendment was adopted; and the bill (House, No. 3834, amended) was passed to be engrossed. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Order.

On motion of Mr. DeLeo of Winthrop,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

At nineteen minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mrs. Haddad of Somerset being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.